

A.D. 3.11, Gate Money

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1. Policy. The Department of Correction may provide aid to indigent inmates upon their discharge.
2. Authority and Reference.

Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 18-81 and 18-93.
3. Definition. For the purposes stated therein, the following definitions apply:
 - A. Discharge. The release of an inmate from the custody of the Commissioner of Correction upon completion of time sentenced by the court.
 - B. Gate Money. A predetermined amount of money given to an inmate upon discharge.
4. Guidelines for Distribution of Gate Money. Gate money shall be an earned privilege and shall not be considered an entitlement. Each facility may provide gate money based on the following criteria:
 - A. Any inmate who has completed a minimum of 24 continuous months of sentenced incarceration and is discharged directly to the community without benefit of supervision shall be eligible to receive gate money.
 - B. Gate money shall be given, not mailed, to the inmate by the releasing facility at the time of discharge, except in those instances in which an inmate is discharging from a correctional facility outside of the State of Connecticut. The gate money request shall be forwarded to the Accounting Unit at least 10 business days, but not more than 30 days, prior to an inmate's release. The gate money shall normally be in the form of a check but may be issued in cash upon authorization from the Director of Fiscal Services. Each inmate may receive gate money only once during a continuous term of incarceration.
 - C. Disciplinary or security problem inmates may be excluded from receiving gate money at the discretion of the Unit Administrator.
 - D. Gate money distribution shall be based on the inmate's average account balance for a minimum of 60 days prior to the inmate's release date, upon which distribution of gate money shall originate as follows:
 1. Inmate average savings of \$50 or more \$0; or
 2. Inmate average savings of less than \$50 may receive \$50.
 - E. The maximum amount of gate money issued shall be \$50.
5. Exceptions. Any exception to the procedures in this Directive shall require prior written approval from the Commissioner.